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FOR: PROCESS FOR RELAYING IP
APPLICATION FRAMES
WITHIN AN ATM NETWORK
SWITCH WITH DISTRIBUTED
ARCHITECTURE

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Page 1, before line 1, insert --TITLE OF THE INVENTION--;

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Field of the Invention:--;

between prenumbered lines 7 and 8, insert --Discussion of the Background:--.

Page 10, between lines 4 and 5, insert:

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